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Remarks

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for considering the present application. In the Office Action dated September 11, 2006, claims 1-26 are presently pending in the application.

As per our telephone conversation, it appears the substitute specification and claims were not properly passed along to the Examiner. Applicants believe that all of the pending claims are allowable and respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the substitute specification and claims with respect to the relevant references. All objections with respect to the arrangement of the Specification as well as the improper format of multiple dependent claims should be addressed.

Conclusion

For the above cited reasons, all of the claims presently pending in this application are submitted to be allowable. The Examiner is invited to call the Applicants' undersigned attorney if it would advance the prosecution of this application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this case to issue.

Please charge as any fees, or credit any overpayment in connection with the filing of this paper, to Ford Global Technologies LLC, Deposit Account No. 06-1510. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for this purpose.

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